National Commission for Children

†1463. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government propose to set up a National Commission for Children;

(b) if so, by when it would be constituted;

(c) the purview of National Commission for Children;

(d) whether Government would empower the Commission with the right of taking action against those States/parents who do not provide for primary education for all the children; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The various actions with reference to setting up of the Commissions for the Protection of Child Rights, namely, creation of posts, framing of rules, etc. are now under way.

(c) The purview of the proposed National Commission for Children is given in the Commissions for Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005 notified in the Gazette as Act No. 4 of 2006.

(d) and (e) The Commission shall function in accordance with the power outlined in Chapter III of the said Act.

Regular training programme for Anganwadi workers in Karnataka

1464. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any regular training programme for Anganwadi workers particularly in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Under the ICDS Scheme, training is imparted to Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) in all States including Karnataka. Training consists of Job Training of one month and Refresher Training of seven days duration. The training of Anganwadi workers in Karnataka is provided through 18 Anganwadi

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Training Centres. During 2005-06 Job Training was provided to 317 AWWs and Refresher Training to 9967 AWWs. A total number of 39626 AWWs have been imparted Job Training and 31735 Refresher Training upto 31.12.2005.

(c) Does not arise.

Non-compliance of SC order regarding sexual harassment

1465. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a recently published report of National Commission on Women which covered 799 organizations including Government Departments has revealed that there is poor compliance of Supreme Court order with regard to sexual harassment of women at work place;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government have taken or propose to take against the persons for violating the Supreme Court order?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) National Commission for Women (NCW) has informed that it had held interactive meetings on sexual harassment at work place since November, 2000 with 799 organizations. It was observed that 664 organizations were having Complaint Committee. 414 organizations reported third party involvement in the Complaints Committee set up by them. According to NCW it would not be correct to say that there is poor compliance with the Supreme Court guidelines. However, the guidelines have not been fully followed in as much as complaint Committee has not been set up by many organizations, the Complaint Committees which have been set up do not have 50% reservation for women and are headed in some cases by men, many do not have third party representation and there is noticeable lack of awareness among Complaints Committee members.

(c) The Government has taken a number of initiatives to promote compliance with the Supreme Court guidelines. The details are enclosed as Statement (See below). NCW has also since proposed a draft bill on the prevention of sexual harassment of women at workplace, incorporating the Supreme Court guidelines.